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THURSDAY
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I took the Slaters to lunch today at Le Grand Véfour. It really is a wonderful restaurant and it was fun being there with them. A remarkable 1920 Chateau Latour.

Bill Batt came to see me. He is taking Henry Tasca's place in SRE. - Henry has been assigned to Korea. Bill and I see eye to eye on the question of American participation in the Coal and Steel Community. We feel it should be limited to reporting and to whatever help we can properly give the CSC without becoming implicated in its operations or attempting in any respect to interfere in its activities.

E. and I went to Harold Callender's to meet the Sumner Welleses. The Italian Ambassador, Quaroni, and Madame Quaroni, Ben Welles, and later Hervé Alphand were there. Quaroni took the floor and held it for about an hour expressing his skepticism about the EDC treaty, especially as regards the French, and also his pessimism regarding fiscal and political conditions in France.

Tonight we went to dinner with the Hugh Cummings at Neuilly. Lord Ismay, the Hopkins, and the Reinhardts were there. We had a delicious dinner and an amusing conversation afterwards. Ismay said that when Mr. Churchill heard of the footman running amok several years ago at young Lord Derby's house and killing two butlers who came to Lady Derby's aid when she was wounded, he remarked, "What a remarkable occurrence when a sportsman can pull off a right and left on butlers."

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